

Gold River, CA - Congressman Dan Lungren (R-CA) and Elk Grove Mayor Pat Hume will be front and center at the Grand Opening of the Sheldon Road/State Route 99 interchange Friday in Elk Grove.

The \$80 million project, which broke ground in November 2007, will ease congestion and provide much safer traffic flows in the area, officials say. Among the improved safety features are bike lanes, medians and sidewalks on Sheldon Road.

"We were happy to collaborate with Congressman Dan Lungren, our state and regional partners, and Elk Grove residents to provide this much needed interchange upgrade," said Hume. "Improvements to Highway 99 are vital to the region's economic prosperity and the quality of life for all who use it."

The grand opening festivities begin at 10 a.m. Friday at the northwest corner of the park-and-ride lot off East Stockton Blvd. in Elk Grove, where parking will be available for the event. The ceremony will include a posting of the colors by VFW Post 2073 and a musical tribute by the Elk Grove High School Jazz Band Ensemble. Following the ribbon cutting there will be an Open House at 10:45 a.m.

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Congressman Dan Lungren serves as Ranking Member on the House Administration Committee in addition to serving on the Judiciary and Homeland Security Committees

